

TVA NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our latest Newsletter. offering to our pupils at Top Valley Academy.

The end of term has seen a return to some bleak and freezing weather. Once again we have worked to keep the Academy open and thanks must go to our Premises Team for all their hard work around the site.

This has been, of course, a busy term as ever. Our Year 11 pupils are getting to the business end of their GCSE and other examination courses and will soon be moving into "Revision Mode" after Easter; we have also seen our Year 8 pupils choosing their Options for next year and the planning being put in place for a number of educational trips and visits – the Western Front trenches, Disney Engineering, the Theatre and Dance Visit to London – all examples of the variety of the experience we are

We are tremendously pleased with the level of interest being shown in the academy for next year's Year 7 admissions. We have seen a three-fold increase in first preferences with next year's Year 7 set to be the second highest Year Group in the school. Thank you to all the parents of both our current and future pupils who have put their faith in us.

And finally, as part of the latest instalment in the never ending story of our proposed new build, despite the recent stories in the media, we are still on track to secure our new building as part of the government's Priority Schools Building Programme. As soon as we have confirmation we will certainly be celebrating the start of this work with you!

Disney Trip



Staff and students recently took a trip to Paris to take in the sights and sounds of one of the world's greatest cities. During their time spent in the capital of France, the pupils got to experience the world famous Disney Theme Park, view some of the city's most historical and important landmarks and acquaint themselves with the customs and traditions of the country.

Big Bang Fair

This year's Big Bang Fair was held at the Excel centre in London and 67 students from Year 7 & 8 made the trip down south to experience the different activities on offer and learn about energy production, chocolate welding and the generation of electricity. All of the staff and students had a fantastic day, and the Academy looks forward to attending next year's event in Birmingham.

Gallery



You can see more pictures in the Gallery on the TVA Website!

Maths Ace, Aged 10



Blessed with the mathematical ability of someone twice her age, it's safe to say that Zara Bashir isn't your average 10 year old.

Despite still only being in Year 5, The Rise Park Primary school pupil has been taking weekly lessons over the course of the year with Top Valley Academy's Head of Mathematics, Mr Henini, to study for a GCSE in the subject.

Having now completed her studies and taken the exam, Zara is expectantly waiting to receive her results, which will be published in April.

Zara said: "I like maths because it's challenging and I love learning new things. I love problem solving as it happens in real life. I am looking forward to finding out what my results are. I hope I pass, but if I don't it will be good to find out where I went wrong"

Everyone at Top Valley Academy wishes Zara the best of luck!

Code Club

We have been absolutely delighted with the number of primary school pupils who have been attending the recently launched Code Club. The club has got off to a great start and the local community have been really supportive about our efforts to engage young people in computer programming.



We want to teach children about the science behind computing and spark the interest of future generations, so they might become the programmers of tomorrow!

Uniform Now Online!

Our uniform supplier, D&P, are now owned by the John Cheatle Group and have moved to 806 Woodborough Road, Mapperly. In addition to this, our uniform is now available to order online at: www.schoolwearcentre.co.uk. Please use the following username and password to gain access to our full range online.

Username: **topvalley**
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World Book Day



Books came to life at Top Valley Academy in March, as staff and pupils took the opportunity to dress up as their favourite fictional characters for World Book Day, a yearly event to celebrate reading and literature.

English Teacher, Mrs. Dutton, said: "It was so good to see so many students and staff dressed up as famous book characters, ranging from Where's Wally to Snow White. It shows yet again that Top Valley Academy is developing a strong reading for pleasure culture".



KEY DATES FOR THE COMING HALF TERM

Fri- Fri	29 th Mar - 12 th Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon/Tues	8/9 th April	Walesby Camping Rewards Trip
Mon	15 th April	Pupils first day back after the holidays
Tues	16 th April	GCSE Dance Show
Weds/Thurs	17 th /18 th	Speaking and Language Exams - MFL Yr 11
Wed	17 th April	Selected Students - Debate Mate, Nottingham Uni
Thurs	18 th April	Dance Exam
Fri	19 th April	Art Exam - Yr 11
Mon	22 nd April	INSET DAY - School closed for pupils
Wed	24 th April	Art Exam - Yr 11
Fri	3 rd May	Dance exam
Mon	6 th May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Mon - Wed	13 th May - 26 th June	Key Exams Period - Students will receive their individual exams timetables
Mon - Fri	27 th - 31 st May	Half Term Holidays

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